MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No specific proposal for setting up a power station, based on gas from Gandhar oilfields, has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Exploration of oil from Gandhar Oilfield

1251. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new oilfield called Gandhar Oilfield has been discovered in Gujarat and whether exploration of oil has commenced there;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for its maximum utilisation, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how soon the oilfield is likely to be developed for commercial use and what are its prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Oil was discovered in Gandhar in 1984; further exploration is continuing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Commerical exploitation will be undertaken, if warranted, after delineation of the field.

Outstanding dues to coal India Limited

1252. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about Rs. 700 crores are outstanding as dues to Coal India Limited from various agencies as at the end of June 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outstanding amounts and percentage thereof pertaining to each sector?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Sector-wise outstanding dues to Coal India Limited as on 30.6.1985, are as under:—

(Figs. in lakhs of Rs.)

Consuming Sector	Full bills outstanding	Deductions under dispute	Total	Percentage of total amount
Railways	2692	2416	5108	9·00
Power	18602	19289	37891	66·79
Steel	5314	4454	9768	17·22
Other Govt. Deptts./Undertakings	2157	653	2810	4 95
Others	1036	122	1158	2·04
TOTAL	29801	26934	56735	